

Design Speed of Highway (km/h)	Ratio of Length on Grade to Length on Level For Design Speed of Ramp Curve (km/h)					
	40	50	60	70	80	All Speeds
60 70 80 90 100 110	3% ≤ Upgrade < 4%					3% ≤ Downgrade < 4%
	1.30	1.40	1.40	--	--	0.70
	1.30	1.40	1.40	1.50	--	0.65
	1.40	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.60	0.65
	1.40	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.60	0.60
	1.50	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.80	0.60
60 70 80 90 100 110	4% ≤ Upgrade ≤ 6%					4% ≤ Downgrade ≤ 6%
	1.50	1.50	--	--	--	0.60
	1.50	1.60	1.70	--	--	0.60
	1.50	1.70	1.90	1.80	--	0.55
	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.10	2.20	0.55
	1.70	1.90	2.20	2.40	2.75	0.50
	2.00	2.20	2.60	2.80	3.00	0.50

- Notes: 1. No adjustment is needed on grades of less than 3%.
2. The “grade” in the table is the average grade measured over the distance for which the acceleration length applies.

Example

Given: Highway Design Speed - 110 km/h
Entrance Ramp Curve Design Speed - 70 km/h
Average Grade - 4.5% upgrade

Problem: Determine length of acceleration lane.

Solution: Figure 48-4D yields an acceleration length 210 m on the level. According to Figure 48-4E, this should be increased by 2.80.

Therefore: $L = 2.80 \times 280 \text{ m}$
 $L = 784 \text{ m}$

The additional 574 m (784 m – 210 m) should be added to the ramp prior to the entrance taper. See Figure 48-4C.

GRADE ADJUSTMENTS FOR ACCELERATION (Passenger Cars)

Figure 48-4E